third meeting of the SAFTA Committee of Experts (COE) held on 1-2 March 2008 in New Delhi, all member countries of SAFTA have agreed in principle to prune their Sensitive Lists for which member countries have been asked to suggest the modalities.

Indian Sensitive List is based on the vulnerability of domestic industry. Specific reference of ICRIER study is requested.

and (d) Does not arise.

**India's share in world exports**

3874. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the country's share in world's total export is still very insignificant;

if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government during the last three years and the results achieved thereon;

whether the Government propose to initiate any new measures to boost he exports of various goods/products; and

if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) As per the latest WTO figures available, India's share in the world's total merchandise exports was 1 per cent in 2007. With a view to increase India's merchandise exports, the Government has taken several initiatives which include operationalisation of SEZ Act, 2005 and implementation of Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Vishesh Krishi & Gram Udyog Yojana, duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, refund of Service Tax, relief to sectors affected by rupee appreciation, promotion of high value added manufactured products etc. Substantive measures have also been taken to facilitate exports by reducing the transaction cost & time and simplification of procedure for exporters. As a result of the conscious and concerted efforts made by the Government, India has achieved a high growth rate of merchandise exports. The details of growth in exports during the last three years are given below:

| Year | Total Exports (US $ Billion) | Growth Rate (%) |
|---|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 103.1 | 23.4 |
| 2006-07 | 126.3 | 22.5 |
| 2007-08* | 138.4* | 22.9* |

*April-February, 2007-08: Provisional figures

(c) and (d) Export promotion is a constant endeavour of the Government. Necessary measures are being taken from time to time keeping in view India's comparative advantage and the emerging situation in the domestic and international markets.